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OCFA Academy Will Graduate 36 Firefighters

**Irvine, CA** –The Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) will graduate 36 new firefighters from their fire academy during a ceremony on May 11 at 6 p.m. The graduation will take place at OCFA's

Regional Fire Operations and Training Center (RFOTC), 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine.

"These newest members of the Orange County Fire Service Family are now a part of something larger

than themselves, embodying the finest principals of our society; Integrity, motivation, and bravery," said

OCFA Board Chairman Gene Hernandez. "As they begin their careers with the OCFA, these principals

will serve them well in the situations they'll face, and in turn, benefit all Orange County residents

through the highest standards of dedication and professionalism".

The new firefighters have completed a rigorous 16-week training regimen that has prepared them for a

successful career with the OCFA. The ceremony will feature skills demonstrations involving live

vehicle and structure fires, firefighters repelling down the side of OCFA's training tower, and vehicle

extrication demonstrations using the "Jaws of Life."

The graduation keynote speaker will be Orange County Board of Supervisors Chair Lisa Bartlett, who

also serves as an OCFA board director.

**Graduation and Skills Demonstration:** 

• Academy 42 graduation is open to family, friends, and the media.

• Wednesday, May 11, 2016 – 6 p.m.

• RFOTC - 1 Fire Authority Road, Irvine CA 92602

For more information, visit www.ocfa.org.

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